



# U.S. Department of State U.S. Embassy in Cairo

## *Between the Lines: International Writer's Program for Chaperones*

### Description

In cooperation with the prestigious International Writing Program (IWP) at the University of Iowa, the U.S. State Department's Cultural Programs Division is pleased to announce Between the Lines (BTL), an exchange opportunity for young aspiring writers from three regions: Arabic-speaking countries in the Middle East and North Africa, Russia and the United States. The Program will take place at the University of Iowa from **June 21 – July 5, 2015**. Students (between the ages of 16 and 19) will be accompanied by chaperones. Chaperones will serve as Arabic-speaking liaisons between the students and the IWP staff. Chaperones will also work with IWP on BTL-related projects.

### Eligibility Criteria

All chaperones must:

- Be citizens, nationals or permanent residents qualified to hold a valid Egyptian passport
- Be between the ages of 25 and 40 as of June 21, 2015 and proficient in Arabic and English (reading, writing, and speaking)
- Demonstrate experience working with young people, particularly students in the demographic (secondary school/college undergrad) - ideally a teacher from the students' school who is interested in creative writing
- Has not had previous exposure to the United States
- Be willing to assist BTL faculty and IWP staff with projects related to promoting creative writing and the teaching of creative writing in the Middle East
- Be reliable, mature, and willing and able to take on the dual responsibilities of their own program and the overall duties of overseeing the students
- Be ready to fully participate in a formal English language program on creative writing teaching methods that will also include American teachers

### Application Instructions:

Each applicant must submit 1) an updated resume/CV in English, 2) copy of passport or ID, 3) a brief statement of purpose in English describing his or her proposed goals for the program and how his or her participation would benefit the program; explaining how s/he will share what s/he has learned with schools or other teachers in his/her region, and 4) Application form (to be downloaded at <http://egypt.usembassy.gov/pa/xchgs.html>) by e-mail to [ExchangesCairo@state.gov](mailto:ExchangesCairo@state.gov) indicating the name of the program in the subject.

**Deadline for Applications: January 20, 2015**